

National Intelligence Officers

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NOTE FOR: DDCI

Frank,

X1 I talked to [] yesterday after which he discussed the matter at a meeting with Tighe and the service intelligence chiefs. They seem willing to accept the compromise language you suggested and will not make waves at NFIB.

I also talked to Murphy's man. He does not believe that there will be a problem with Murphy also.

In talking to both, I stressed that there was a great deal of difference between asking the DCI to reconsider certain aspects of decisions he had reached and asserting that he would not have the right to make such decisions.

Adding it up, I think it will be OK to talk to NFIB and do not anticipate any explosion. I would not be surprised, however, if either Murphy or Tighe made their view of where I should sit and what my title should be known for the record.

RL
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[REDACTED] called to say that DoD will

ask for a new para 2h. As follows:

2-b, The Department of Defense has unique and specific responsibilities for warning of attack by hostile forces. To carry out that specialized function, the DoD operates dedicated tactical warning systems within the military command organization and independent from the national warning structure.

Call if there are any questions.